(c) whether Government have received any representation from the retired officials for refund of their future debit money;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard; and

(e) by when the amount would be refunded to them; if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY'S MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Only one Sr. Loco Inspector, namely Shri B.R. Kapoor, retired on 31-10-1994 from Jhansi which lies in the jurisdiction of Central Railways.

(b) An outstanding amount of Rs. 5,000/- towards electrical charges and Rs. 71,775/- as DCRG have been withheld for payment to Shri Kapoor due to his continued unauthorised occupation of Railway accommodation.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Arrears towards stepping up of pay have already been paid to Shri Kapoor. The amount withheld towards electrical charges and DCRG can be refunded to the extent due only after adjusting the Railway dues, on vacation of the Railways accommodation by Shri Kapoor.

Computerised reservation centres under the Western Zone in Gujarat

2319. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to open more computerised reservation centres under the Western Zone in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and

(c) by when these centres are likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY'S MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At seven locations viz. Vapi Jdhana, Alkapuri West(Vadodara), Palampur, Viramgam, Junagarh and Ankleshwar.

(c) By the end of next year.

Concession to Senior Citizens

2320. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether new concessions to senior citizens have been announced;

(b) if so, what are these concessions and since when they have been extended; and

(c) what further facilities to senior citizens are under consideration of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY'S MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Based on Railway's Budget proposals for 1998-99, the element of concession admissible to senior citizen has been increased from 25% to 30% and this concession has been extended in Mail/Express fares of all classes and fares of Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains. These